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Letter dated 24 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement made on 11 November 1997 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan relating to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Changes to be held in Kyoto in December 1997 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 98 (c).

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Annex

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF KAZAKHSTAN

In connection with the international conference to be held in Kyoto (Japan) in December 1997 on problems of the emission of greenhouse gases, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized to state that Kazakhstan signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1992. That document has been ratified by the President of Kazakhstan, Mr. N. A. Nazarbaev. Thus the legal basis has been created for assessing Kazakhstan's capabilities with respect to the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases.

Kazakhstan is ready to play an active part in discussions of measures to reduce and stabilize emission of greenhouse gases over the period up to 2005-2010, taking as the base the volume of emissions in 1990. It supports the initiatives of the World Bank and a number of countries to establish an international emissions budgets market which would make provision for an equitable partnership approach by developed and developing countries to issues of the prevention of a negative impact on the Earth's climate. On this basis, Kazakhstan intends, at the Kyoto Conference, to support similar constructive proposals by other countries.